

Oman minerals and mining expo begins - Oman

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The three-day exhibition is being organised by Omanexpo. The opening ceremony was graced by a number of government and embassy officials, as well as top executives from mining companies in Oman.

At the conference, Eng Hilal al Busaidi, CEO, Public Authority for Mining, made the opening remarks. The keynote speech was delivered by Abdulsattar al Murshidi, chairman, Oman Mining Company. Dr Mehdi Karbasian, deputy minister and chairman of the board, Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization, also delivered a speech.

Eng Busaidi said the government is making efforts to diversify sources of national income in different sectors to support Oman's economy.

“Our role is to support these efforts through the mining sector development and attracting investment for economic diversification. Given the importance of this sector, Royal Decree 49/2014 established the Public Authority for Mining. The mining sector is one of the five sectors in the ninth five-year plan (2016-20).”

He added that Oman has good quality minerals that can make it an economic power.

The exhibition has attracted 51 companies - up from 37 in 2015. The two-day conference features a line-up of 26 local and international speakers representing various segments and companies from the mining sector. Among them are Dean Cunningham, CEO, Kunooz Oman Holding; Ali al Wily, CEO, Oman Mining Company; Jesse Damsky, chief commercial officer, Port of Salalah; Marc Evertse, executive commercial manager, Sohar Port and Free Zone; Reggy Vermeulen, CEO, Port of Duqm; and Mohammed al Shabibi, CEO, Gulf Mining Group.

The topics that are being discussed include ‘Investing in Oman's Mining Sector’, ‘Mining and Related Infrastructure Development’, ‘Technology Solutions for the Mining Industry’, ‘Project Opportunities’, ‘Human Resource Development & HSE in the Mining Sector’.